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**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**  
Oakland, California

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT THE LAW FIRM OF GOLDFARB & LIPMAN MAY HAVE AS A RESULT OF REPRESENTING THE OAKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY IN CITY V. OAKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY AND REPRESENTING THE CITY OF OAKLAND IN OTHER MATTERS**

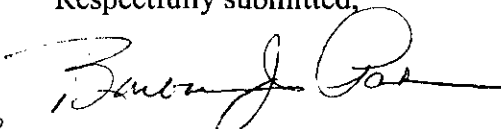
President De La Fuente and Members of the City Council:

The law firm of Goldfarb & Lipman has requested consent from the City of Oakland to allow the firm to represent the Oakland Housing Authority in City v. Oakland Housing Authority ("City v. OHA"), Alameda County Superior Court No. RG 07311262. Goldfarb & Lipman has represented the City as special counsel in various eminent domain actions, the recent Fox Theater syndication, and is often asked to provide advice to the City on other issues, primarily related to redevelopment. It wishes to continue to provide legal advice to the Oakland Housing Authority as its general and special counsel and in the above-referenced case brought by the City against OHA.

Because the waiver concerned pending litigation, the City Council discussed the question in its closed session meeting on April 4, 2006. The City Council approved the waiver and consented to the representation.

The attached resolution memorializes that action.

Respectfully submitted,

  
for JOHN A. RUSSO  
City Attorney

Attorney Assigned:  
Mark T. Morodomi

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Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**WHEREAS**, the law firm of Goldfarb & Lipman ("Firm") has requested consent from the City of Oakland to allow the firm to represent the Oakland Housing Authority in City v. Oakland Housing Authority ("City v. OHA"), Alameda County Superior Court No. RG 07311262.

**WHEREAS**, Goldfarb & Lipman has represented the City as special counsel in various eminent domain actions, the recent Fox Theater syndication, and is often asked to provide advice to the City on other issues, primarily related to redevelopment.

**WHEREAS**, Goldfarb & Lipman wishes to continue to provide legal advice to the Oakland Housing Authority as its general and special counsel and in the above-referenced case brought by the City against OHA.

Therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City waives the Firm's potential conflict of interest regarding City v. OHA and consents to their representation of OHA in the matter.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -  
ABSENT -  
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California